GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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VEHICULAR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per study rural vehicles emit more pollution than urban vehicles;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether vehicular pollution in the rural areas is increasing day by day as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) (b) (c) & (d) : No such study has come to the notice of this Ministry. All vehicles are required to conform to the prescribed emission standards at manufacturing stage. The tractors are the most used vehicles in the rural areas and the Government has notified separate emission standards for tractors which are effective from 1.10.1999. In view of the low vehicular density in rural areas and improved fuel quality, the acute vehicular pollution problems are not envisaged.